

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

My company provides services in a rural location, serviced only by one ILEC, protected by Rural Exemption, which precludes any competition in this area.

As a result, we have the highest service rates and the poorest service quality in the northwest.

We have struggled for over 6 years to overcome the limitations of our LEC and fortunately our customers know the true cause of the problems, however if the FCC continues the trend of favoring the RBOC and ILEC's it won't matter what the customer thinks, the telco will just drive us out of service by continuing to do what they already are doing now, however now there will be no penalty or consequences for their actions.

The RBOC and ILEC operations MUST be watched very closely, they are already getting away with less than ethical business practices.

Please consider the life blood of the rural business operator, the small and medium business owner, and their customers.

Sincerely,

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